

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Makenzie Smith for being named one of the top two youth volunteers in Indiana during the 20th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

SMITH

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Makenzie
2 Smith for being named one of the top two youth volunteers in
3 Indiana during the 20th annual Prudential Spirit of Community
4 Awards.

5 *Whereas, Makenzie Smith, an esteemed resident of Borden,*
6 *Indiana, and a student at the William S. Borden Junior-Senior*
7 *High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary*
8 *volunteer service by receiving a 2015 Prudential Spirit of*
9 *Community Award;*

10 *Whereas, This prestigious award, presented by Prudential*
11 *Financial in partnership with the National Association of*
12 *Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across*
13 *America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment*
14 *to serving their communities;*

15 *Whereas, Ms. Smith earned this award by giving*
16 *generously of her time and energy to establish Makenzie's Coat*
17 *Closet, which has managed to collect over 20,000 coats and*
18 *thousands of hats, scarves, and gloves over the past eight years*
19 *to help those in need to stay warm during harsh Indiana*
20 *winters;*



1 *Whereas, In the early years, Makenzie simply asked friends*
2 *and family members for coat donations and delivered them to*
3 *her local Society of St. Vincent DePaul;*

4 *Whereas, In her first year, Makenzie collected 79 coats, and*
5 *by her fourth year she set a new goal to collect 1,000 coats and*
6 *knew that to reach her goal, she would need to improve her*
7 *method for gathering donations;*

8 *Whereas, Makenzie came up with the idea of using*
9 *collection boxes so that individuals in her community could*
10 *drop off their gently used outerwear at local businesses,*
11 *churches, schools, and other designated neighborhood*
12 *locations;*

13 *Whereas, Makenzie also wanted to raise awareness for her*
14 *organization, so she began seeking interviews with local media,*
15 *speaking at local churches and corporations, and*
16 *communicating through social media and her organization's*
17 *website;*

18 *Whereas, Today, Makenzie has 100 collection sites and*
19 *typically takes in between 4,000 and 5,000 coats each year;*

20 *Whereas, Once Makenzie collects these donations, a team*
21 *of volunteers sort and size the coats, then deliver them to the*
22 *local St. Vincent DePaul, and allow patrons to choose coats for*
23 *themselves and their family members; and*

24 *Whereas, The success of the State of Indiana, the strength*
25 *of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society*
26 *depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people*
27 *like Ms. Smith who use their considerable talents and resources*
28 *to serve others: Therefore,*



1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
 2 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

3 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate congratulates Makenzie
 4 Smith for being named one of the top two youth volunteers in Indiana
 5 during the 20th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

6 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
 7 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Makenzie Smith.

